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SENATE BILL 227

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM PROVIDING STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS; ENACTING THE STUDENT CONGRESS ACT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the "Student Congress Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE. -- The purpose of the Student Congress Act is to enable youths in New Mexico to learn about the operation of the legislature first-hand by observing and participating in the interim legislative process and hearing from prominent state leaders on the functions of state government.

Section 3. PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS. --

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1           A. Each legislator in the house of representatives  
2 and in the senate may select a student who is at least a  
3 sophomore in high school to participate in the student  
4 congress program during the interims prior to sixty-day  
5 sessions.

6           B. Students shall have the opportunity to assist  
7 and observe an interim legislative committee and attend  
8 seminars at the state capitol, where legislative leaders shall  
9 address youth on:

- 10                   (1) the legislative process;  
11                   (2) current issues the legislature may be  
12 examining through the interim committee process;  
13                   (3) leadership training; and  
14                   (4) other areas of interest, as determined by  
15 the legislative leadership.

16           C. The chief clerk of the senate and the chief  
17 clerk of the house of representatives shall coordinate and  
18 administer the program.

19           D. Students traveling from various points around  
20 the state shall be reimbursed for travel to and from interim  
21 legislative committee meetings and the state capitol.

22           Section 4. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred twenty-five  
23 thousand dollars (\$125,000) is appropriated from the general  
24 fund to the legislative council service for expenditure in  
25 fiscal year 1999 to reimburse students participating in the

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1 student congress program for travel expenses and to reimburse  
2 the chief clerk of the senate and the chief clerk of the house  
3 of representatives for administrative costs associated with  
4 the program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
5 at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general  
6 fund.

1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your COMMITTEES' COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE,  
15 according to constitutional provisions, and thence referred to the  
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,

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25 Manny M. Aragon, Chairman

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